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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15	MONDAY SEPTEMBER 16	TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 17	WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18	THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 19	FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20
Registration  all day	7 a. m. to 10 a. m. Registration  10:30 a. m. Opening of Convention  12:00 Noon Lunch  8 p. m. Get-Acquainted Party Kilte Band	8 a. m. to 12:00 Noon Convention Sessions  12:00 Noon Lunch  1:00 p. m.** Special Luncheon and Card Party Style Show  8 p. m. Full Evening of Entertainment by Thule Lodge Jamestown, N. Y.	8 a. m. to 12:00 Noon Convention Sessions  12:00 Noon Lunch  3 p. m. Boat Ride  6 p. m. Fish Fry Presque Isle State Park	8 a. m. to 12 Noon Convention Sessions  12:00 Noon Lunch  Afternoon Free  6 p. m. Banquet and Installation of Officers, Dance	Farewell  Party

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\*\* The Tuesday luncheon will be held at the Beachcomber Hotel located on Presque Isle just a few blocks from the El Patio, Presque Isle, Linn Lee, Park Plaza and Capri Motels. This location is just five minutes from Convention Headquarters.

The business sessions will be held in the air conditioned meeting room of the Lyngblomsten Lodge No. 242.

Banquet and installation of officers will be at the Lawrence Hotel. After the banquet the optional dress convention dance will be held. Music by the Symphonettes.



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## Selma Lodge No. 255



The picture above shows Brother Nels Hansen receiving his 50-year pin, the presentation being made by his son, Ray, also a member of Selma Lodge No. 255.

The 50-year pin was presented to Brother Hansen at a social gathering in his honor.

Brother Nels Hansen was born in Denmark June 2, 1878, and joined Selma Lodge No. 255 December 11, 1912. He had been active in lodge work until two years ago when he decided it was time to slow up. He is a retired farmer and still loves to drive around visiting his friends.

Friends wish him many more years of active life and happiness.

## OFFICIAL NOTICE

TO ALL DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IN ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA:

The book containing the proposals submitted for consideration by the Convention Committee on Laws, to come before the National Convention, is now published and in the hands of your Lodge Secretary. Please contact him for your copy.

AXEL SKELBECK,  
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.

## Minnesota State Convention

The United Lodges of Minnesota annual convention convened Saturday, July 20, at Dania Hall, Minneapolis, Minn. Byron Petersen, state president, presided over the convention attended by 26 officers, delegates, guests and two visitors from out of state, Paul Strand, promotional director and Chris Larsen, Lodge No. 1, Omaha.

Following the reports of the delegates, several motions were made concerning convention delegations. These were: a copy of resolutions and proposals submitted by the lodges to be in the hands of the state secretary 60 days prior to the convention for screening by a three-man committee and for action by the local lodges. Also the names of the delegates to be sent to the state secretary 60 days prior to a convention. A list of new members admitted during 1962 was to be sent to the state secretary for new member reimbursement as was provided for at the 1962 convention.

Talks were given by Chris Larsen and Paul Strand who discussed the inactive lodges in Minnesota extensively. Following Strand's talk the delegates and guests discussed the situation but no formal action was taken.

Election of officers resulted as follows: Jens Larsen, No. 111, Austin, president; S. Ove Hermansen, No. 263, Askov, vice president; Richard Sorensen, No. 75, Albert Lea, secretary; Leland Sorensen, No. 263, Askov, treasurer; and Chris Jorgensen, No. 75, Albert Lea, trustee. They were duly installed by Chris Larsen as installing officer and Paul Strand conductor.

A banquet was held in the evening at the President's Cafe with a chicken dinner, followed by refreshments and dancing. A picnic at Lake Minnetonka Sunday completed the convention activities.

LELAND SORENSEN, Sec. Pro Tem.

## Iowa United Lodges to Convene

Council Bluffs, Iowa, will be the site of the 35th annual convention of the Iowa United Lodges of the Danish Brotherhood in America, and will be held over the Labor day weekend, September 1 and 2. For a schedule of the activities please refer to the July issue of the Danish Brotherhood magazine.

Price for attending both the banquet and dance on Sunday night September 1 will be \$3.25 per person. All members planning to attend are asked to please contact your lodge secretary, who will in turn notify us as to how many delegates and guests we may expect from your lodge. This convention promises to be a very important one for the Danish Brotherhood, so plan to attend and partake in both the business and pleasure at hand.

Send all communications to our Convention Committee Secretary: Mrs. Winifred Ross, 2820 6th Avenue, Council Bluffs, Iowa. We hope to see you all in Council Bluffs over the Labor day weekend.

A. B. THODE, Sec.  
Iowa United Lodges.

## Former Supreme President and Wife Celebrate Golden Wedding

Saturday, June 8, was a big day for a very well-known couple in Schenectady, N. Y., namely Johanne and Bysted Christensen, former Supreme President of the Danish Brotherhood, who, on that date celebrated their golden wedding.

The festivities started early in the morning when many of their Danish friends adhered to the good old Danish custom of singing for the bride and groom. Of course,



singing makes people thirsty, but Bysted was well prepared. What pleased this wonderful couple very much, was the fact that every one of the children and grandchildren were home to help with the celebration.

At 6:30 in the evening, about 100 of their friends gathered in the Danish hall in Schenectady to do further honor to Johanne and Bysted. The tables were beautifully decorated, and after a very pleasant cocktail hour, everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner. With son Carl acting as toastmaster, a few friends were called on, and all testified to the kindness and generosity of these two down through the years. It was my pleasure and privilege to be able to extend greetings on behalf of the Supreme Board of the Danish Brotherhood, and to wish for them continued happiness for many more years together.

On June 19 they left for Denmark aboard the Kungsholm and we know they will have a grand time, and be back in time to attend the National Convention in Erie, Pa.

CHRIS MADSEN, Chairman, Supreme Trustees.

It's much safer to drive if both the weather and the driver are dry.

## Misuse of Fraternal Fund

At the 1923 Danish Brotherhood convention it was decided to levy a tax of \$1 per year on every member in order to create a fund to erect a home for old members or to be used for payments of aid to old and needy members, whichever the next convention might decide.

In 1927 the convention decided to name the fund "Aldersdomsfondet" and to use the money for aid to needy members over 65 years of age. In 1935 the name was changed to "Hjælpefondet" and the aid specified for assessments and taxes. In 1939 the fund was named "Relief Fund" and special aid up to \$50 could be granted. In 1947 the special aid amount was increased to \$250 and in 1955 to \$300, and the name changed to "Fraternal Fund" in 1955. At the 1959 convention the special aid amount was increased to \$600.

The total amount available for use as aid to needy members never had to be used, so the fund continued to grow and at the last separate report as of December 31, 1959, the total amount in the fund was \$253,000 invested plus \$21,000 in cash.

The existence of this large, unused fund made it possible for the Supreme Board at the last convention to get authorization to use this fund for payments for scholarships at \$1,000 per beneficiary and the adoption of an innocent appearing phrase: "Additional funds shall be provided from such other sources and in such amounts as may become available" evidently permits the use of money in the fraternal fund for promotional purposes.

Considering that the delegates at nine previous conventions had established and continued this fund for the sole purpose of aiding older members, the present use of it for scholarships and promotional purposes is well-nigh illegal and, at least, highly improper.

No. 205 has submitted a law proposal to set half of the present Fraternal Fund aside for use in paying assessments for older members, who have been members for 20 or more years. The age at which such payments could start would be determined by an actuarial check-up. If you favor such an arrangement tell your delegate so.

WM. SVENDSEN, Lodge No. 205.

## Colorado-Wyoming General Committee

The Colorado-Wyoming General Committee will hold its 34rd state convention August 23 and 24 in Cheyenne, Wyo. A social evening will be held Friday, August 23. The business session starts at 10 a. m., Saturday, August 24. A banquet and dance has been arranged for the evening.

We invite all Brothers, their wives and friends from our two states to come to Cheyenne for the occasion. Many of you Brothers have been there before and know the fine hospitality you will receive and the enjoyable time you will have.

This convention will be honored by the attendance of Supreme Second Vice President Einar Danielsen of Illinois.

Brother Niels S. Christensen of Cheyenne, Wyo., who died in a train accident June 26, 1963, was one of the leading Brothers in Lodge No. 148, for a good many years. He was its delegate this year for the National Convention in Erie, and was also appointed by the Supreme Board to serve on the nine-man law committee at the National convention.

We extend our deep sympathy to his wife and family, and also to Lodge No. 148, which has lost a fine Brother and a good friend.

SVEND A. SONDERUP, Sec.-Treas.

# PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

By NORBERT E. GROVE, Box 350, Puyallup, Washington

There is still time to participate in Junction City's third annual Scandinavian Festival, August 8-11. Many of us have wished that we could board a plane or boat and travel to a Scandinavian country where we would enjoy the pageantry of a festival or revel in a culture entirely different from our own. Unfortunately, most of us do have the means or time for such indulgence, but those who have included this Oregon event in their vacation plans have found the fulfillment of that wish. Last year over 40,000 came to Junction City and months have gone into the preparation for even a larger attendance this year. The heart of this city is transformed into old world color and atmosphere as people engage in Scandinavian costume, singing, dancing and traditional merriment. Remember, there is no registration or admission fee and the entire festival is designed for family participation. Junction City is proud of its heritage and community spirit and is delighted to share it with others so there is no fee for parking and no charge for tours.

It is the wish of Seattle Lodge 29's present administration that in commemoration of their 75th anniversary, they initiate 75 new members this year. To date, 11 of that quota have taken their obligation and at least six more candidates are pending. Secretary Paul Hansen asks that if you know of any eligible Danes in the Greater Seattle area, get in touch with him at 5626 48th Ave., SW, and he will provide you with the necessary application forms.

The Northwest Danish Home for Oregon and Washington celebrated its 39th anniversary July 13-14. Twelve members were chosen to serve on the board of directors. Anyone interested in the affairs of this benevolent organization may become a member for three dollars per year. A delicious salmon dinner was served at Washington hall followed by a card party Saturday. On Sunday, although the weather did not cooperate to the fullest, a nice crowd enjoyed a concert by the Nile Temple Jubileers. Chairman for the gathering was Seattle's DB Secretary Paul C. Hansen and the address was given by the Home's president, Edmund S. Olsen, a past president of DB 29. Another past president of DB, Brother Einar Hansen, has retired as caretaker of the Home.

Much beloved, greatly respected, Denmark's present queen, Queen Ingrid, has achieved that combination of dignity, understanding and charm which all the world associates with royalty. Much is expected of a queen even in these prosaic days, and the young and beautiful Swedish princess who changed nationality on her marriage to a Danish prince, has fulfilled all the demands made upon her, and has done much to strengthen the popularity and position of royalty in this democratic country. Her three daughters, Margrethe, Benedikte and Anne-Marie, have been brought up in a manner which will equip them to live perfectly normal lives. For example, they have all attended a popular girl's school in Copenhagen and been treated exactly as all the other girls were and at the same time their pastimes and education have been directed to fitting them to fulfill the very exacting duties of state which are the lot of all members of royal families. The greatest of these duties will fall on Princess Margrethe, who is heiress to the throne.

Danish pianist Peter Weiss is presently playing and lecturing on Denmark's composer, Carl Nielsen, throughout the United States under the auspices of the American Scandinavian Foundation. The Danish composer, Niels Viggo Bentzon, has written a concerto for the Danish

accordionist, Mogens Ellegaard, at present appearing in the United States. Jacob Gade, Danish composer, best known for his "Tango Jalousie," passed away recently. Celebrated annually since 1912, greetings will again be exchanged by the two great nations of America and Denmark July Fourth. On a recent trip to Denver, Colo., I had the pleasure of meeting a new Brother in our fraternity, Wolf C. Hansen, Danish Consul, at 327 Sixteenth Street.

Seattle's sick list includes Brothers John Hill, Martin Skov, Karl Dahl and Tage Fredericksen, the latter on a visit to Denmark. Brothers Hugo Dall and Flemming Sorensen will head up teams for a membership drive contest. Sky diving will be included in the Nordic Festival to be held at Shilshole Bay August 18 according to Brother Bert Jacobsen. Brothers Jerry Jensen, Carl Nielsen, Harold Hansen, Jens Jorgensen and Mel Hollister are the DB 29 champion bowlers as revealed by Past District President Sam Frederiksen, promoter of six bowling teams. The annual fishing derby was held at Westport August 4 with Past President Otto Hansen in charge. Good reports are being received from the 60 members who are on the Danish excursion. District Secretary Martin Rasmussen celebrated his and Mary's silver wedding anniversary May 17 and Ed Olsen observed his and Ruth's 25th event June 25. Latest member to join the Queen City Danes is Stig Larsson, a newcomer from Denmark and operating a Danish bakery in uptown Seattle. On August 4, the Plaza of Flags at Seattle's new Civic Center came alive with festivities of the Scandinavian Music Festival. Supreme Trustee Kris Jorgensen has already met with the new district president, Jack Jensen, Vancouver, B. C.

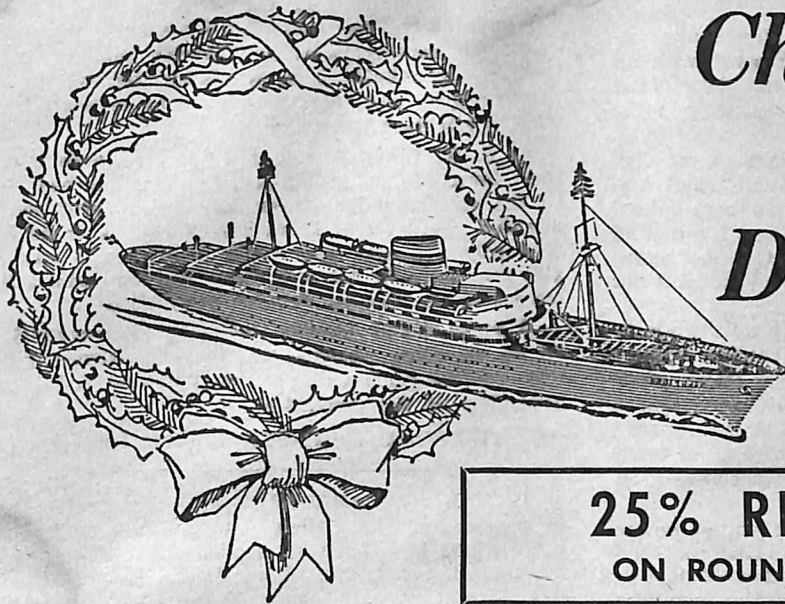
McMinnville's DB 194 staged a potluck party July 13 to pay tribute to three 50-year members, Jens Jensen, Soren Petersen and Henry Christensen. Past District President Pete Rasmussen will soon have completed 25 years as chapter president of a local DB lodge including the order in Ringsted, Iowa. The Puyallup state fair, come this September, will have on display some of Ellen Rasmussen's water color art.

Enumclaw's delegates to the 14th annual District convention were Brothers Emery Tedrick and Ingvald Nelsen. Brother M. C. Jensen of Luverne, N. D., DB 149, has recently moved into the Puyallup valley. Brother Kai Rasmussen and wife, Beulah, entertained at open house June 23 in observance of their silver wedding anniversary. Brothers Chris Sand and Peter Molby have established residence at the Pacific Northwest Danish Home. The Enumclaw Danes were hosts for the district picnic at Point Defiance in Tacoma July 28.

Junction City's newest member is Brother Christ Sand whose uncle, Christian Sand, was a charter member of DB 268. Despite cloudy weather, the J. C. Danes put on a free breakfast at the city park June 23. Brother Ed Gregersen is visiting in Nebraska. Brother Joen Bodtker has just returned from a trip to Niagara Falls. Brother Hans Rasmussen spent his vacation in Iowa. Brother Christian Gregersen, who has lived in Nebraska since 1910, but who is a charter member of the Oregon Lodge, was back for a visit to his alma mater.

Spokane's Brother Fred Holm is on a three weeks' vacation in California. Brother Jack Eskeberg is spending the summer in Cannon City, Colo., studying geology. The annual joint picnic this year was held at Audubon park, July 28.

# Christmas in Denmark



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## Some Thoughts for Consideration

I welcome, very much, our Supreme President's letter in the March issue. Although I do not agree with all of his recommendations, I welcome them, because I sincerely believe that some changes are necessary in the Brotherhood.

It is too early to tell if the promotional work has done any good. In my lodge they had a promotional program some years back, only a few of the members gained from that drive are still in our organization. I am glad to see that the "Green Stamp" idea is out. Get new members into the Brotherhood for brotherhood's sake and not for making an insurance club.

I see that Brother Strand did not find it worthwhile to come to Southern California. Maybe not enough interest was shown for meeting with him. Does he know why? Personally, I think he should make his insurance talk a secondary issue and put more emphasis on "togetherness" and entertainment within the lodges. Teach some of them to not prolong the meetings with lengthy discussions on trifling subjects.

I do not believe it is fair to have the voting power based on amount of insurance. Statistics show that the population in some states is, financially, better off than in some other states. Would it be fair to have the members from the better situated states, or lodges within a state, be the ruling factor?

I have always been much opposed to the present ritual. Most of us know that our meetings are not secret as they are supposed to be. I know, positively, that many, mostly young, members are opposed to the "secrecy." In some cases this "secrecy" has prevented a prospect from becoming a member. The initiation ceremony, as it

is now, is a farce. Some Brothers, of many years' membership, say that you can not make the Brotherhood into a "social club." Why not? Call it whatever you want but delete the secrecy. Whether "Danish Brothers and Associates" is suitable I do not know, but let us all remember that, now, almost every man or woman is eligible to join the organization.

As S. W. Christensen writes in the March issue, we must think of our young people and what they prefer. Of the various lodge officer installations that you have attended, were all of them interesting? Of those I have seen only a couple were really very nice. I was favorably impressed by the drill teams and the social activities but not by the lengthy detailed installations.

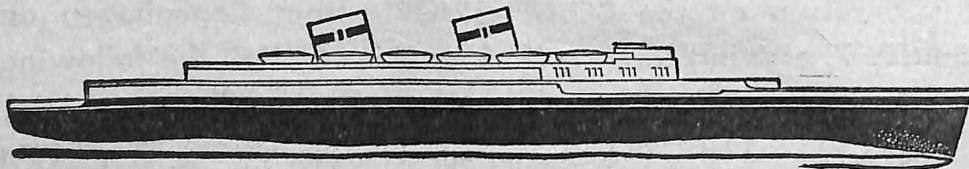
If some should consider my letter controversial, fine; let us see some response to Hans' recommendations so that our delegates will give an unbiased and impartial evaluation at the convention.

THORVALD SORESENSEN, Barbara Lodge No. 322.

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A druggist met an old customer on the street and asked: Well, Tom, did that mudpack I suggested improve your wife's appearance?

Tom (mournfully): It did for a couple of days but then it wore off.



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# PROMOTION PAGES

By PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR PAUL E. STRAND

## Travel Schedule

July 26—Omaha Nebr., Nos. 1, 10 and 195, picnic rally  
 July 28—Winside, Nebr., No. 110, picnic rally  
 Aug. 4—Kansas City, Mo., No. 56, picnic rally  
 Aug. 11—Humboldt, Iowa, No. 217, picnic rally  
 Aug. 12—Newell, Iowa, No. 147, special meeting  
 Aug. 18—Cotesfield, Nebr., No. 288, picnic rally  
 Aug. 24-25—Lincoln, Nebr., NGC Convention  
 Sept. 1-2—Council Bluffs, Iowa, Iowa Convention  
 Sept. 5—Latimer, Iowa, No. 221, booster rally  
 Sept. 7-8—Racine, Wis., Midwest Convention  
 Sept. 9—Clear Lake, Iowa, No. 219, booster rally  
 Sept. 10—Albert Lea, Minn., No. 75, booster rally  
 Sept. 11—Alden, Minn., No. 73, booster rally

You can see from the above schedule that from now until National Convention will be a busy time. Most of the rallies now scheduled are the results of visits with the Lodge members this past month. We met, we discussed our Promotional Program, the Lodge members decided they WANT their Lodge to grow and they agreed to stage a real membership drive.

YOUR Lodge can grow in membership too! If you want help in planning and staging a Membership Drive, just write to your Promotional Department and we will go to work for you.

## Iowa-Minnesota Reports

The series of visits with our Lodges in Iowa and Minnesota from which I just returned to Omaha last night (July 23) was so interesting and productive that I believe you will be interested in a full report. Here goes!

### No. 15, Des Moines, Iowa

The regular July 10 meeting was rather sparsely attended due to summer vacations, but it was an interesting one. Iowa United Lodges President Earl Mikkelsen, drove almost 100 miles from Dike, Iowa, to be with us. Ex-President August Rasmussen, presided in the absence of President Willy Christensen, who is currently working out of town and used "Travel Gavel" which I had brought with me. Many subjects were discussed, chiefly a Membership Drive to follow up on the 16 new members admitted in 1961 and the five admitted in 1962.

A Membership Drive is being planned for this fall when vacations are over and the remodeling program is complete. No. 15's members have done a fabulous job of making a "HOME" out of their meeting room. They've built a storeroom for odds and ends; they have painted the walls in an attractive pattern; they have spray painted the ceiling and have just recently finished tiling the floor — all work done by the members. If you are in or near Des Moines on the second Wednesday of the month, stop in for a visit with No. 15 — you will be welcomed with open arms!

By the way, you members of No. 15, let's get that Membership Drive going — it takes new members to keep going and growing.

### No. 221, Latimer, Iowa

Iowa United Lodge Officers Earl Mikkelsen and Art Thode, drove with me to the home of Casper Grandt in Sheffield for a meeting with the members of Lodge No. 221 on Thursday, July 11. President Carl Carlsen, led the way from his home in Latimer and we were joined by Secretary Walter Pedersen, Treasurer Nels Rasmussen, Inner Guard Chris Sondergaard.

After a searching and interesting discussion of the potential in this town of 445 population, the members decided to stage an all-out Booster Rally at the Legion hall in Latimer on Thursday, September 5, in the mean time amending their by-laws to admit the ladies to membership.

During our discussion, all agreed that most, if not all, of the people living in and around Latimer, Coulter, Hampton and Sheffield are eligible for membership under our present rules. One member present revealed that he and his wife have **thirteen** grandchildren, all of whom are eligible for membership!

I will be in Latimer to help you make a real success of your Booster Rally on September 5, you members of No. 221. You invite your family and friends who are eligible; we'll explain the Danish Brotherhood to them, and we'll help those who are interested in completing applications. Let's set a goal of 25 new members and get them for No. 221!

### No. 45, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Under the expert leadership of Prexy John Noer, our regular meeting of No. 45 was interesting, fast moving and productive.

Dania hall in which No. 45 has met for many years has been sold so a Location Committee is now looking for a new and more desirably located meeting place. Once this problem has been solved, a real Membership Drive will be mounted.

Thanks to No. 75's secretary, John Larsen, who accompanied me, the drive from Albert Lea and back was a pleasant one.

### No. 219, Clear Lake, Iowa

Our regular meeting with No. 219 on Saturday, July 13, was well attended and will soon produce some very evident results for this 49-member Lodge.

Knowing that I was coming for their evening meeting, old friends, Stan Oredsen, Keith Holt and Larry Halsne had invited C. O. (Eastie) Eastlund (No. 75, Albert Lea) and myself to a little get-together and dinner prior to the Lodge meeting. To make the dinner more enjoyable, they included their wives, Florence, Marian and Peggy. You bet we talked Danish Brotherhood!

No. 219's meeting that evening consisted mainly of a lively discussion of how to stimulate interest in the Lodge and how to increase their membership. The result — No. 219 will stage a real Booster Rally on Monday, September 9 — arrangements are already made to have the main dining room of one of their new restaurants on the lake all to themselves. I promised to be with them

and help sign up as many new members as possible.

Better get busy now, you Clear Lake members! Invite all your family and friends to attend your Booster Rally on September 9. Let's not settle for anything less than a 50% increase or 25 new applications that night!

#### No. 75, Albert Lea, Minnesota

On Sunday, July 14, Audrey and Eastie (Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Eastlund) opened their lovely home overlooking Albert Lea lake to a special meeting of the officers and members of No. 75. It was a lively meeting with all present joining in the discussion.

As a result of this meeting, No. 75 is now planning a Booster Rally at the Canton Cafe, for Tuesday, September 10. Their officers and members are going all-out to invite as many prospects as possible (and there are many) so that we can talk to them about the Danish Brotherhood and invite them to join.

No. 75 has a great deal to offer new members. They are one of our most active Lodges. During our discussion I learned they have had some kind of special event or social affair (including a St. Hans Aften on June 23, an annual event) every single month for the past year! That's what attracts new members and holds them!

While the ladies prepared a lovely potluck supper, I sneaked out in the yard to play with the kids. You should have seen your Promotional Director in swim trunks when the kids grabbed the hose and turned the water on me! It was cold! Eastie now threatens to blackmail me by selling the pictures he took. Don't buy them!

I'll see you members for No. 75 at your Booster Rally, September 10. Let's fill Canton Cafe to capacity and sell all your prospects on joining your Lodge.

#### No. 73, Alden, Minnesota

Richard Sorensen and Eastie (Lodge No. 75, together with No. 73's Carl Hansen) drove me over to Alden on Monday, July 15, to meet with the members of No. 73 in the lovely new farm home of Trustee Arnold Petersen. President Aage Mickelsen met us in Alden and led the way to Arnold's home where we were joined by Vice President Nels (Ivan) Sorensen and Edwin Sorensen.

This 70-year old Lodge, chartered December 2, 1893, located in a town with a listed population of 215, has dwindled to a membership of 16, with no new members admitted since 1937 — 26 long years ago.

BUT, the members present at our meeting aren't ready to give up — not by a long shot! After a thorough discussion of their situation and an explanation of HOW they can rebuild their membership with the help of the members of No. 75 (about 15 miles from Alden) and your Promotional Department, they decided to:

1. Proceed to amend their by-laws to admit the ladies to membership.
2. Stage a Booster Rally at the Home Town Cafe in Alden on September 11.

We then proceeded to talk about eligible prospects. One member listed his wife, his son, his daughter-in-law, his daughter, his son-in-law; all of whom live in or near Alden! And so it went, once we got to talking about it and had decided to do something about it, everybody present was able to think of people they know or are related to those who are eligible. And you may be sure they will be invited to attend the September 11th Booster Rally! And I'll be there to help you sign up as many of those prospects as possible.

Here's an interesting sidelight on this meeting. When

I saw Richard Sorensen at the Minnesota Convention in Minneapolis on Saturday, July 20, he informed me that he had met the son and daughter-in-law of a former member of No. 73, now deceased. Rich created an opportunity to talk about the Danish Brotherhood and Lodge No. 73. The son told Rich that his dad had mentioned his joining once or twice but hadn't ever really done more than mention that it would be a good thing for him to do. When Rich then mentioned the September 11 Booster Rally — that both this man AND his wife can then join as a couple — and invited them to attend the Booster Rally, they not only accepted — they said they would like to join!

There are your first two prospects, No. 73! Better get busy inviting YOUR prospects. We can't have No. 75's members bringing more prospects than you, can we?

Thank you No. 73 for a really productive meeting. And Arnold, please thank your wife for the wonderful lunch, the chocolate cake was extra special!

#### No. 96, Jackson, Minnesota

Tough luck plagued us in this 23-member Lodge located in a town of 3,370 population. Prior commitments, vacations, farm work and insufficient notice made it impossible to get a meeting together.

However, I did spend a very profitable and enjoyable evening with Secretary Kenneth Rasmussen, whose wife made the evening even more pleasant by treating us to coffee and raspberry shortcake.

Ken and I talked about the situation in Lodge No. 96; the fact that they have admitted only two new members since 1945; that all of their members since that time except two, are over the age of 60. We agreed that since No. 96 has already amended their by-laws to admit the ladies as members and Jackson's population is primarily of Danish descent, No. 96 can, with proper help and encouragement, substantially increase its membership.

Next morning I managed to catch President Walter Nielsen at his home in Jackson before he went out to the family farm to help his son. We spent an interesting and productive couple of hours talking about what Ken and I had discussed the night before. Whoever said that age slows us down just hasn't met Walter who at 77 has more pep and willingness to work for his Lodge than most of us who are many years his junior! Walter agreed with everything Ken and I had talked about and enthusiastically agreed to support the idea of a Booster Rally later this fall, when farm work is less pressing than now.

You members of No. 96 decide when you want your Booster Rally. Talk it up to your family and to friends who are eligible. Invite all the prospects you know. One way or another, we'll have somebody there to help you. Just think, by inviting your wives, your sons, your daughters, your son-in-laws, your daughter-in-laws, your grandsons your granddaughters, your nieces, your nephews; you can double your membership and more.

#### No. 121, Tyler, Minnesota

In this typically Danish community of 1,138 population, the home of Danebod Folk School, I spent a very pleasant evening, with the members of Lodge No. 121. The wives of our members served a most appetizing potluck supper in the old Stone Hall at Danebod School (watch that waistline, Paul, you're getting fat).

Since No. 121 has long since amended their by-laws to admit the ladies to membership, President Chris Sorensen and Secretary Carl (Ted) Hansen asked me to ex-

plain membership in the Danish Brotherhood to the ladies present, and invite them to join No. 121. It didn't take much arm twisting on their part — I was both ready and willing! That the ladies were interested was very evident, seven of them signed applications then and there! And their husbands marched right over to Treasurer Harry Bornhoft and paid up immediately!

No. 121 has a few special problems that need ironing out before we can mount an all out Membership Drive. One main problem is the case that no new members have been admitted since 1937 except for 11 members who transferred to No. 121 when their Lodge No. 114 was dissolved last year. A second problem is the fact that they have been meeting in their homes rather than in a regular meeting hall.

You members of No. 121 made a good start July 17. We'll find a way to help you increase your membership even more.

That same evening I had the privilege of presenting Aage Jacobsen, who became a member of No. 121 on July 17, 1913 — exactly 50 years to the day, with his 50-year pin. Thank you for allowing me to make this presentation, it was a most unusual pleasure, especially since Aage's wife, his daughter, and his two grandchildren were present to share Aage's pride and pleasure with him. Don't forget Aage, you promised to send me your daughter's address in Kansas City, Mo!

Thursday morning I spent a little time visiting with Aage Fredericksen and his son Roger at Aage's Super Market in Tyler, then started the long drive back to Albert Lea. Audrey and Eastie once again insisted that I stay at "Eastie's Motel" — and I accepted. A tremendous rain and windstorm hit Albert Lea that evening, but Eastie's claim that the sky fell in because I invited them to have dinner with me is completely untrue — it would have stormed anyway!

After eight consecutive days of driving and the same number of evening meetings I made good use of Friday for resting up. Other than eating, sleeping and reorganizing my briefcases I just loafed all day.

### Minnesota Convention

After Audrey's wonder "æbleskiver" breakfast Saturday morning, we drove to Minneapolis to take part in the annual convention of Minnesota United Lodges for which Lodge No. 45 was host.

The convention was called to order promptly at 1:30 p. m., by Byron W. Petersen (Askov No. 263). Delegates from Lodges represented reported on their Lodge activities and progress since the last convention. Proposals for our National Convention in Erie were discussed at great length with many worthwhile opinions being expressed.

The following officers were elected for the coming year and were impressively installed by immediate Ex-President of Omaha Lodge No. 1, Chris Larsen, assisted by your Promotional Director as Conductor:

Ex-President Byron W. Petersen, No. 263; President Jens I. Larsen, No. 111; Vice President Ove Hermansen, No. 263; Secretary Richard Sorensen, No. 75; Treasurer Leland Sorensen, No. 263 and Trustee Chris Jorgensen, No. 75.

President Jens I. Larsen then adjourned the meeting with a few well chosen words, offering to help all Lodges in Minnesota during his term of office.

The members of No. 45 really did their Lodge proud with their banquet arrangements. The banquet, preceded by a truly sociable cocktail hour, was held in the party room of the President Cafe and, including all the fried

chicken we could eat, was delicious, hot and well served from start to finish.

Toastmaster John Noer introduced all visiting distinguished guests and state officers. After having been admonished, as guest speak to "cut it short" I spoke briefly (Byron Petersen had me all "shook" after I'd spoken for five minutes! He not only kept looking at his watch — he kept shaking it!).

The tables were quickly cleared after which we thoroughly enjoyed dancing to those wonderful old Danish tunes played for us by Clarence and Putte Berg — Putte on accordion and Clarence on drums. You can bet we danced up a storm until they closed at one in the morning!

As usual, Christ Pedersen was busy all evening. No wonder he looked so happy. He received four new member applications while we were busy dancing!

And No. 85's Chris Lund was busy too. We expect we'll see applications soon from his daughter, Jan and husband Dave. Don't forget, Chris I gave you the names of two more prospects in Rochester!

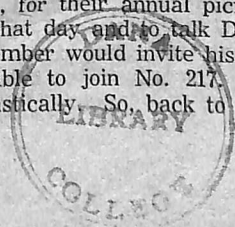
No. 45 played host to a real Danish picnic on Sunday — I didn't get the name of the lake, but it was the perfect spot for a picnic. There were games for the kids, shade and a cool drink for others; bingo games, a giant meal in the late afternoon and a softball game for the young members. You should have seen Standley Jensen in his RED swimming trunks!!!

Prexy John Noer did noble service calling numbers for the bingo game; Chairman Christ Pedersen, let no one get by without buying raffle tickets; Harold Chrysler worked all day in the pop stand, but it wasn't all pop that he sold. And many others pitched in and helped where they were needed. All in all, it was a wonderful picnic and a successful convention. (Can I get a refund on my raffle tickets?)

### No. 217, Humboldt, Iowa

On extremely short notice, the members of No. 217 arranged a special meeting with me in the back of a local cafe in adjoining Dakota City. President Walter Pedersen's wife, Marie, treated afternoon coffee while we waited for Walter to come home from work. And Marie also served a delicious ham dinner before we left to attend the meeting. Walter was really scheduled to attend a very important church council meeting that night, but except for going over there for about 20 minutes he spent the evening with us. And Niels Jensen drove 80 miles from his home in Perry, Iowa, to attend our meeting. Thank you Niels! Nine of the 19 members of this Lodge attended and made this a really interesting meeting.

In the course of our discussion, I learned that most of the residents of this city of 4,031 population, are eligible for membership in No. 217. After a lively and thorough discussion, the members readily agreed to amend their by-laws to admit the ladies. Since they have been meeting in their homes, with the ladies furnishing the lunch, all felt their wives would prefer to be members instead of sitting in the kitchen until their meeting is finished. The new bank building in Humboldt has a wonderful meeting room with kitchen facilities which is available at \$5 per night. The members decided to rent this for their meetings in the future. Since they had previously set Sunday, August 11, for their annual picnic, I agreed to come to Humboldt that day and to talk Danish Brotherhood **provided** each member would invite his family and friends who are eligible to join No. 217. This they all agreed to do, enthusiastically. So, back to Hum-



boldt I go on Sunday, August 11. Under the leadership of President Walter Pedersen, Vice President Chris Nielsen, Secretary John Klit, Treasurer John Nyby and Trustee Niels Jensen you can be sure there will be a crowd at their August 11 picnic — and a whole flock of new member applications as the result of it. Watch No. 217 grow!

#### No. 147, Newell, Iowa

Drove from Humboldt to Newell, Iowa on Tuesday, July 23 and spent a really pleasant few hours visting with member of No. 147, Jens K. Husted and his wife, Jennie. I also had the pleasure of meeting their niece and nephew Svend and Jean Engedal, 4363 Paramount Blvd., Lakeview, Calif., Phone HA 1-5939. (ATTENTION YOU MEMBERS OF NO. 329).

We talked to No. 147's President Jens P. Pedersen on the phone with the result that I will now meet with their members on Monday, August 12, after our picnic

rally in nearby Humboldt the day before. This Lodge still has a membership of 47, but new members have been slow in joining the past few years.

We'll talk things over August 12, and I hope, will find a way to help them increase their membership and the interest in Lodge No. 147. I hope that all you members of No. 147 will meet with us on August 12!

I hope this full report of this trip is of interest to all of you. More important, from these Lodge reports, I hope you will recognize that your own Lodge, large or small, whether located in a small town or a big city, can grow in membership and activity. Your Promotional Department will help, of course, that's our job. But YOU and your fellow members must provide the spark to get a Membership Drive started — then we can and will help.

From your Promotional Director to all who helped make this long trip interesting, productive and worthwhile, THANK YOU for your interest, your help and for your warm hearted hospitality.

## NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By OTTO JONASEN, 636 East 33rd Street, Erie, Pa.

First we wish our very able correspondent for the Eastern Lodges, Brother Viggo, and his wife a fine and pleasant vacation in Europe.

**Notice to all Lodge Secretaries.** Send in all news about activities in your Lodge; if you have a Lodge paper, please let us have it.

**General Committee of the Eastern Lodges.** DELEGATES to the GCEL convention: The officers of the GCEL are very grateful that "Fremad" Lodge No. 116 decided to help out "Thor" Lodge No. 46 in taking over as convention host for the GCEL convention over the Labor day weekend. We are sorry that Lodge No. 46 did not have the required manpower available to handle the affair, and we appreciate that the officers of "Thor" Lodge, when they discovered this fact, made the arrangements with Lodge No. 116. Brother Gillotte, GCEL Secretary, informs us that 25 of the 27 Lodges belonging to the Eastern District will have delegates to represent them when we start the sessions at Dana Hall in Perth Amboy. At this time we like to remind the delegates to be aware of Paragraph 8, Section "Convention," in our GCEL by-laws. It reads: "At a GCEL convention immediately preceding a National Convention of the Danish Brotherhood, all formalities and routine matters shall be curtailed as much as possible, and full sessions shall be held in order to provide as much time as possible for discussion of law proposals submitted for consideration of the National Convention."

We suggest that all the delegates study the law proposals submitted to the National Convention in advance; thus we hope the book on proposals will be in our hands in plenty of time. Evaluate the proposals, and not only get an idea on the effect they could have on your own lodge, but also the Danish Brotherhood in general.

Some lodges are not represented by the same delegate to both the Eastern and National Conventions. If that should be the case in your lodge, we recommend that you get together with the delegate to the National Convention and talk over the proposals. If your lodge happens to have a meeting between now and Labor day, do not forget to bring up proposals you are in doubt about.

We hope the convention in Perth Amboy will bring unity in our stand on some of the proposals. It is going to be a busy and interesting convention. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Edward Jonasen, Pres., GCEL.

**Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J.** Host to the 1963 GCEL convention to be held in Perth Amboy, N. J., over the Labor day weekend, Saturday August 31, Sunday, September 1, and Monday, September 2.

Several meetings have been held and the different committees are getting things lined up. The complete program is as yet not finished, but we can give an outline of things which have been established and which we are happy to make known to all Brothers interested. It is recommended that you make your reservations for a motel in advance; make the reservations direct to the motel of your choice, not to the convention committee.

The places contacted and recommended are Congress Inn Motor Lodge and Woodbridge Motor Lodge, both located on Route 9 near the New Jersey Turnpike and only a short distance from Dana Hall, Perth Amboy, where all meetings and social gatherings will be held. Another recommended place is Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, Cranford, right off the Garden State Parkway.

All meetings and social gatherings will be held in Dana Hall, 288 Market Street, Perth Amboy. No luncheons will be served. There will be a Saturday night dinner and dance; a roast pork dinner with red cabbage and Danish apple cake for dessert will be served. There will be dancing after the dinner which I believe will be served at 7 p. m. The price for dinner and dance will be \$3.50 per person. Those who don't attend the dinner are welcome to enjoy the dancing, but there will be a small charge for "dancing only" participants. Sunday's banquet and dance will also be held in Dana Hall. A roast beef dinner will be served and it starts at 7 p. m. Furdock's orchestra will play for your dancing pleasure and the price per person for the banquet and dance is \$5.

Monday morning's Danish breakfast will be served at 12 noon; the price is \$3.50 per person. The convention will convene at 2 p. m., Saturday, August 31 and registration will be in Dana Hall. Remember: No luncheons will be served in Dana Hall. Saturday's dinner and dance, Sunday's banquet and dance and Monday's Danish breakfast, \$12 per person. Reserve your hotel or motel accommodations in advance as this is Labor day weekend.

Lodge 116 held its annual fishing trip Saturday, July 13. Fifteen took part in this fishing trip. All must have been up bright and early as the boat left the dock before 6

a. m. All had a good time. The catch for the day were blue fish and about 200 were caught.

**Lodge No. 164, New York, N. Y.** This lodge's news was mailed too late for last month's deadline, but on account of its importance we will publish it this month. Modersmaalet's 60th anniversary dinner-dance, held May 10 in the Danish Athletic club, was what may truly be called a gala affair. The chairman of the evening, Brother Leo Koefoed was on a vacation trip to Florida and in his stead Ex-President Paul Petersen took over to bade the many guests a hearty welcome.

The evening's toastmaster, Brother Kai Lund, kept things moving and it was a pleasure to listen to the several fine and pleasantly short speeches. Among the speakers were Ambassador and Consul General Viggo Jensen, Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck, who had come all the way from Omaha, Nebr., to attend the dinner; Chairman, Supreme Trustees, Chris Madsen; the president of Dannebrog Lodge, Mrs. Margaret Petersen, and last but not least the president of Modersmaallet, Brother Carl E. Bogsted.

Everybody seemed to enjoy the plentiful and fine food, and the excellent music by Anthony Furdock's orchestra kept everyone on their toes, both young and old. It would be too voluminous to start mentioning names but we did note the ever young John K. Lysen, who could not let an evening such as this go past. All in all it was an unforgettable evening.

**Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y.** Past Supreme President and Mrs. C. Bysted Christensen, 1133 Lexington Ave., Schenectady, N. Y., recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a dinner at the Danish hall.

They were married in Denmark, June 8, 1913, and came directly to Schenectady, where "C. B." has been in the building construction business since 1916. The Christensens are the parents of four children: Mrs. H. E. (Gerda) Blanchard, Whiteville, N. C.; Mrs. Gordon (Helen) Grant, Akron, Ohio; Mrs. Alan (Norma) Warneck, Ashville, N. C.; and Carl Christensen of this city. They have six grandchildren.

Bysted served on the Supreme Board for 20 years and from 1947 to 1951 as Supreme President.

**Lodge No. 205, Brooklyn, N. Y.** This lodge's secretary, Brother Wm. Svendsen sent the following: On May 29, 1962, this lodge, the first one in the East to admit women to membership, had two women initiated on board the

"M. S. Kungsholm," which carried the participants in the D. B. Jubilee Tour to Denmark.

At the July 10, 1963, Lodge meeting two more ladies and one male applicant were initiated into the Lodge by Supreme Trustee Brother Chris Madsen, whose sincere devotion to the Brotherhood had prompted him to add the prestige of his office for this occasion. Two members from Lodge No. 164, Brothers Paul Petersen and Kai Lund, also attended the meeting. The new male member joined this lodge because his father had been it's secretary in 1907. We secured one new male member in January, and Lodge No. 205 is now looking forward to a continued, gradual increase in membership.

**Lodge No. 242, Erie Pa.** The great city by the lake, this year's National Convention city, proudly announces that the souvenir program is now going to the printers, and we most sincerely thank all Brotherhood lodges and members who through advertising and booster lists supported the program to a huge success. The publicity committee is still busy, creating new ideas. Entertainment is almost complete in all details. Hotel reservations are coming in steadily. Banquet and house committees are working full speed. The famous Travel Gavel is now in Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, and will be in our lodge for the September 16 meeting, where we expect Supreme President Hans Andersen will preside.

## AUGUST ASSESSMENT

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Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.

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DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTH-PLACE	NO. OF LODGE	LOCATION	YEAR JOINED	CAUSE OF DEATH	AMOUNT PAID
Apr. 24	Peter Petersen	90	Strøby, Sjælland, Den.	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1903	Pneumonia	\$ 428.56
May 19	Niels Peter Hansen	75	Prastø, Denmark	17	Chicago, Ill.	1918	Coronary occlusion	1,000.00
May 27	Magnus A. Madsen	80	Hundborg, Thisted	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1908	Chronic pyelonephritis	490.77
May 3	Jerome Nelson	48	Hardy, Nebr.	161	Ruskin, Nebr.	1933	Cirrhosis	750.00
Jun. 13	Lind W. Nielsen	75	Spencer, Mich.	70	Greenville, Mich.	1907	Carcinoma	500.00
Jun. 8	Olaf F. Friberg	75	Hillerød, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wis.	1912	Neoplasma malignum	250.00
Jun. 2	George S. Lundquist	77	Copenhagen, Den.	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1927	Embolia pulm.	500.00
Jun. 11	Chr. J. E. Rasmussen	88	Holbek, Denmark	163	Edmore, Mich.	1904	Pyelonephritis	440.80
May 11	Louis Rasmussen	73	Copenhagen, Den.	172	Philadelphia, Pa.	1937	Pulmonary emphysema	500.00
Jun. 13	Thorvald Hansen	81	Favling, Denmark	56	Kansas City, Mo.	1909	Cardiac failure	1,000.00
Jun. 15	John A. Grundahl	65	Jerne, Ribe Amt.	172	Philadelphia, Pa.	1928	Lobar pneumonia	500.00
Jun. 29	Niels M. Hansen	80	Venderslev, Jylland	10	Council Bluffs, Ia.	1906	Cardio-vasc. disease	500.00
Jun. 29	Harvig R. Nelson	71	Green Bay, Wis.	36	Milwaukee, Wis.	1910	Circulatory failure	1,000.00
Jun. 27	John Grunnet	91	Bastrup, Vamdrup	107	Chicago, Ill.	1892	Pneumonia	196.29
Jun. 26	Niels S. Christensen	62	Kalundborg, Den.	148	Cheyenne, Wyo.	1923	Crane-train accident	1,000.00
Mar. 28	Anton Jensen	88	Almstok, Vejle, Den.	89	Superior, Wis.	1912	Heart failure	237.70
Jun. 30	Carl Jensen	76	Viborg, Denmark	4	Racine, Wis.	1917	Heart failure	250.00
Jun. 10	Christian Friderichsen	74	Copenhagen, Den.	126	Los Angeles, Calif.	1937	Cerebral thrombosis	1,000.00
Jun. 8	Hobert Beck	54	Wenham, Mass.	227	Detroit, Mich.	1957	Not given	Social
	Sam Smith	73	Racine, Wis.	4	Racine, Wis.	1955	Not given	Social

# CALIFORNIA NEWS

By RUDOLPH OLSEN, Suite 137, 166 Geary Street, San Francisco 9, California

Our convention time here in California is getting closer every day and if you intend to attend, I hope you have made your hotel reservation in Stockton. Reservation forms have been sent to all the secretaries by the convention committee and if you read last month's issue of the D.B. magazine you will have noticed application forms there as well.

At the present writing I have not as yet received an invitation for next year's convention. I hope the lodges won't be bashful; just send in the invitation and maybe you will win. A lodge always gains by having a convention, not only in membership, but also in cooperative efforts between the Sisterhood and Brotherhood lodges.

May I again remind the secretaries, who have not already done so, to kindly let me have the list of new members initiated during the period of August 1, 1962 and August 1, 1963. Please give the sponsor's name, and the type of membership.

Solvang Lodge No. 299 will celebrate its 50th anniversary August 10. This is the precise date on which it was founded in 1913 with 22 charter members. The lodge is celebrating the event by having a banquet that evening, and if I know anything about Solvang it will be a great event. I have heard rumors that not only Supreme President Brother Hans M. Andersen but also Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck will be present. Many of the officers from the General Committee such as our President Brother Alvin Olsen and others, including myself, will be present. Anyone who wishes to attend please contact Brother Levi Persson, the secretary, 525 Atterdag Road, Solvang, Tel. 8-4791.

In a former issue I mentioned the departure of the Sisterhood General Committee's charter flight for Denmark. The participants are now back, returning July 17 after a most wonderful trip. Unfortunately, the SAS plane was three hours late leaving Copenhagen due to mechanical trouble but during the waiting period SAS invited the group for dinner at the airport which helped to pass the time away. Of course, they arrived three hours late in Los Angeles and for the people for northern California it meant they were unable to make their connecting flight. Over 100 were at the San Francisco airport to bid them welcome and of course, most had to wait another hour.

One lady said that she had made many trips to Denmark but this had been absolute tops of them all, and that seemed to be the consensus of opinion of everyone I spoke to. I believe a lot of the credit goes to Sister Tove Bollerup Madsen, President of the General Committee, who handled all difficulties as an old expert.

And speaking of charter flights I noticed a warning in the last issue of the Sisterhood Magazine which, I think is very well taken. There has been so much trouble with charters this year, that at the moment the whole charter business is under scrutiny, not only by the airlines themselves, but also by the Civil Aeronautic Board in Washington which is looking into the abuse of charters. It could very well result in severe restrictions next year and even discontinuance of charters in the future.

Brother Chris Pedersen, a member of Oakland Lodge No. 39, went to Denmark in the charter flight to celebrate his 80th birthday. But his local lodge won't let it go at that; they, too, wish to celebrate with Chris and so on August 16, Lodge No. 39 and Odin Lodge No. 1 of Dania are having dinner in the Danish Hall in Oakland. All are invited and I do hope many will take this opportunity to

celebrate with this fine member, who does not look a day over 60.

Lodge No. 49 recently suffered the loss of one of its 50-year members when Brother John Bramsen passed away after a severe illness of many months. Besides being a member of the Danish organizations he was also very active in various Masonic organizations and was buried under the auspices of his Masonic lodge. We shall miss this jovial brother at our meetings and we extend to Sister Julia Bramsen our sincerest sympathy.

I should like to pay my compliments to Brother Paul Strand who for the past several years has been our promotional director. Certainly, he has worked hard at getting new members into our society and he is constantly sending letters and statistics to the lodges and reminding them to get busy with membership drives. And if some of the lodges are still asleep it is not his fault. He has put a tremendous lot of work into his job, which of course, will undoubtedly end with the convention in Erie, unless the convention again provides for a promotional director. I am all for it.

From the program for the National Convention I notice we will start Monday morning at 10:30 and finish at noon on Thursday. If this can be done, I think it will be the shortest convention on record. And I have my doubts. The Danes are good talkers and I think Hans will have to use the gavel often to shorten debates, to make that program stick. Of course, the committee on proposals which will be working before the rest of us get to Erie, may shorten the convention, but that remains to be seen. I expect the convention will go over to Friday at least.

Congratulations to Brother Skelbeck who has served in the Supreme Office for 40 years. Well, Axel must have started in knee pants — or at least very young but 40 years in one firm is a long time and I am sure Axel knows about every file in the office.

In looking at the bowling scores in the July issue I notice that California had 16 teams in the field, four of which belonged to the San Diego Lodge. Petaluma came in as No. 2 and San Francisco No. 3 which is not bad out of 88 teams. We also notice that Brother Walt Miller from Petaluma came in as No. 3 which is surely well done. His prize money of \$7 however, does not look too hot, but I guess they ran out of money. Lots of luck next year, Walt.

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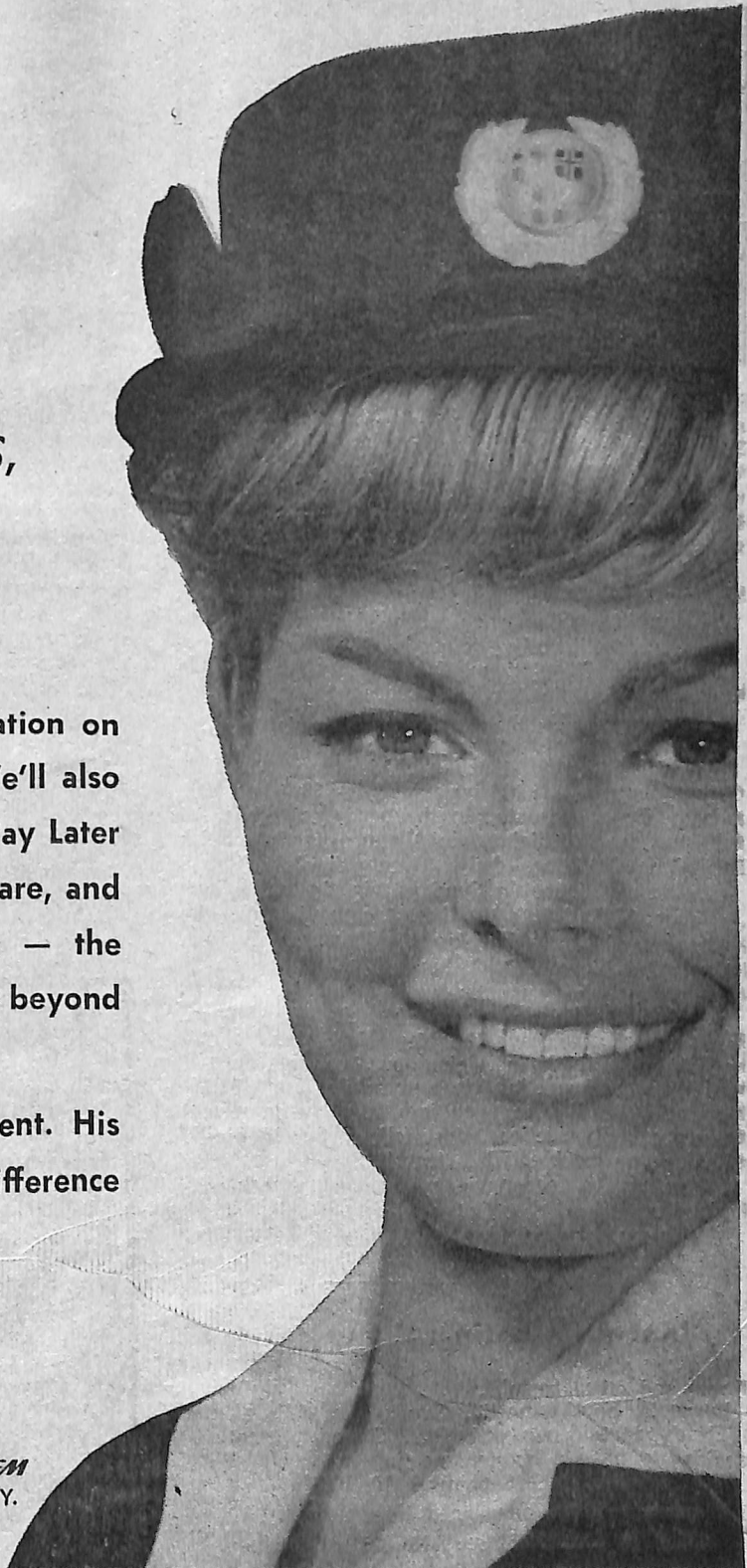
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## National Convention Committee



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The above picture represents your general chairmen, and sub-committee chairmen for the National Convention. They have diligently extended their efforts to prepare for this the 26th National Convention of the Danish Brotherhood in America and its success depends upon your full cooperation throughout the entire week.

It has come to our attention that we, in previous articles, only generalized our location on the map. The City of Erie has a population of approximately 138,000 to 150,000 people. We are situated in the northwest corner of the state and have 30 flights, via Allegheny and Mohawk and Lake Central Airlines, daily. Twenty flights on Saturdays and twenty flights on Sundays via the same systems. Connecting flights for these companies can be made through Detroit, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Philadelphia, Washington, D. C. Just ask your ticket reservation clerk to make your reservations and you should have no trouble finding our hospitable city. If you are travelling by rail, we have the New York Central and Nickle Plate Railroads servicing our community. Of course, if you are traveling via automobile Route 5, 20, 19, Interstate 90 will bring you into our downtown and out-lying community sections. Just follow your map and you will have no trouble. When traveling you know, one must always have a good navigator or one becomes confused and lost.

ROBERT E. WOLLMAN, Publicity Chairman,

## Booster Meeting Planned

Officers and other members of Lodge No. 75, Albert Lea, Minnesota, held a meeting Sunday, July 14, at the C. O. Eastlund residence with Paul Strand present. It was decided to have a booster meeting in our lodge or some other suitable place September 10, 1963.

More details will be announced later.

JOHN W. LARSEN, Sec., No. 75, Albert Lea.

## Supplement to the List of Delegates

The following is a list of delegates reported elected since the June issue of the Magazine went to press. The listing herein of any delegate who may possibly not have been lawfully elected must not be accepted as a guarantee that such delegate will be seated by the Convention.

First is given the number and location of the lodge, name and address of the delegate, birthplace, birthday and present occupation.

- 16. Minden, Nebraska, Andrew E. Madsen, Route 3, Minden, Nebraska. Kearney, Nebraska, April 15, 1908. Farming.
- 230. Arcata, California, Gunnar Ladefoged, P. O. Box 622, Arcata, California. Brodal, Denmark, June 6, 1901. Maintenance Engineer.
- 257. New York, New York, Elmer Jensen, 955 Sheridan Avenue, Bronx 56, New York. Copenhagen, Denmark, November 11 1901. Office Building Supt.

## Lodge No. 144 Enjoys Dance

A mid-summer dance was held by Lodge No. 144 in the Legion hall in Dike, Iowa, July 13. Live music was furnished by the J. Turner orchestra and dancing was from 9 p. m. until 12:30 a. m. We were pleased to have guests from Waterloo and Cedar Falls, Iowa. There were some 80 people enjoying the dancing and lunch from a snack bar.

We hope to have more and bigger entertainment as this creates good feeling among the Lodge Brothers and also our Sisterhood. This gives our Brothers an incentive to work toward a bigger and stronger Brotherhood.

A. B. THODE, Sec., Lodge No. 144, Dike, Iowa.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

We are happy to announce that we are now meeting at the Linden hall, 208 Linden Ave., Long Beach, Calif., on the second Saturday of each month at 8 p. m.

C. W. HANSEN, Sec., No. 329.

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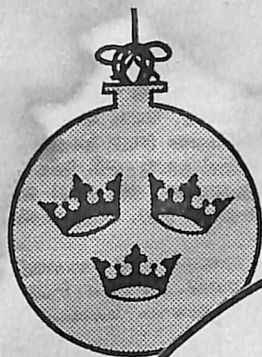
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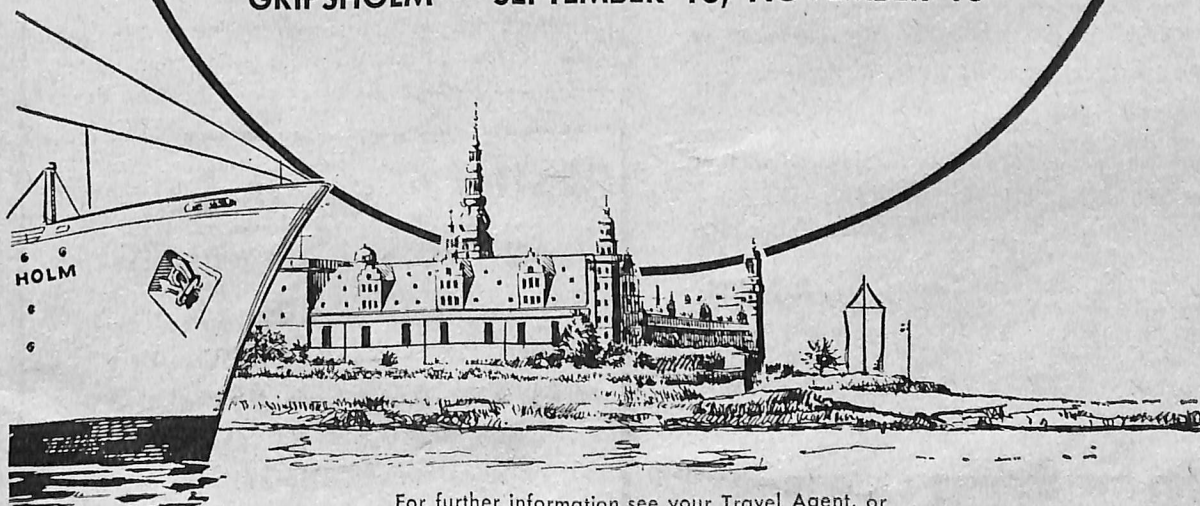
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## Resolutions

### JEROME NELSON, Ruskin, Nebr.

In memory of Jerome Nelson who passed away April 2 at Laramie, Wyoming.

Be it resolved, that we regret the loss of a dear Brother and extend to his family our most sincere sympathy.

Be it further resolved, that, our charter be draped for thirty days and that this resolution be inserted in the minutes of Ruskin Lodge No. 161 and in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

George Andersen, President.  
Jens J. Krogh, Secretary.

### PETER W. PETERSEN, Waukegan, Ill.

In memory of our dear departed Brother, Peter W. Petersen, who passed away July 8, 1963, in Waukegan, Ill. the following resolution was adopted by Dannevang Lodge No. 182, Waukegan, Ill.

Be it resolved that we deeply regret the loss of our Brother and we hereby extend to his relatives our most sincere sympathy. Be it further resolved, that, our Charter be draped for a period of 30 days, and that this resolution be entered in our minutes and in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

Curtis L. Petersen, President.  
George Lindhardt, Secretary.

## Notes From Nebraska Lodges

The Nebraska General Committee held a joint meeting with the board members of the Danish Sisterhood in Nebraska July 13, at the Lincoln hotel in Lincoln.

The main discussion was centered around our coming convention August 23-24 at the same place. The convention committee of the host Lodge No. 84 of the Danish Brotherhood, was invited to give us an outline of arrangements made. With well-known Brother Soren C. Sorensen as the chairman, this committee was in sure and able hands, and it had done a fine job in preparing and regulating the activities for the convention.

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Friday, August 23, at 6 p. m., there will be a buffet supper. Thereafter, motion pictures from Scandinavia and especially Copenhagen. A social party will follow.

Saturday, August 24, registration will start at 9 a. m. The several business meetings of both organizations start at 10 a. m.

After the lunch hour a special joint meeting will be called, and the mayor of Lincoln, Brother Petersen, will welcome the assembly. The separate meetings will then continue.

The banquet starts at 6 p. m. with Prof. Roger Wells of Dana college as the main speaker. Our host lodge, as well as the hotel management, would very much like if the members from all lodges who will attend, would send in their reservations, both for their stay over and the banquet tickets, \$4.00, to Brother Soren C. Sorensen, 3601 B Street, Lincoln 10, Nebr.

The city of Lincoln is centrally located for most of our DB Lodges and DSS Lodges. This year the Omaha drill team will perform and there will be fine music for the dance at the close. There have been great preparations made for a great crowd this year and we all expect to see a lot of people for this convention. Let us not disappoint them! Do not miss out on what is sure to be a splendid convention.

BOY JESSEN, Sec.-Treas.

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